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SUBJ: EGYPTIAN ENVOY'S CONCERN ABOUT SENEGAL'S TIES
WITH ISRAEL.

1. DURING MY RETURN COURTESY CALL OCT 23, EGYPTIAN
AMB MORTADA INDICATED LOCAL PLO DIRECTOR, ABU
KHALIL, HAD BEEN DEEPLY INTERESTED IN MID-SEPT.
VISITS TO DAKAR OF JOSEPH GOLAN AND DAVID FRENKEL, WHOM
HE DESCRIBED AS ENVOYS OF GOVT OF ISRAEL ON MISSION
TO SEEK REESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN
GOS AND GOI. HE INQUIRED WHETHER I COULD CONFIRM THIS.

2. I INDICATED NO KNOWLEDGE OF ANY SUCH MISSION OR ANY
ROLE EITHER GOLAN OR FRENKEL MIGHT HAVE WITH GOI. THEY
HAD BEEN INTRODUCED TO ME EARLIER AS HAVING AN INTEREST
IN SENEGALESE-IRANIAN OIL PROJECTS. MORTADA SAID HE KNEW
LOCAL PLO REP QUITE WELL, FELT HE WAS
REASONABLE MAN WHO WOULD MAKE NO TROUBLE HERE SINCE ANY
VIOLENT ACTION BY PLO HERE, NO MATTER WHO TARGET MIGHT
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BE, WOULD SERIOUSLY DAMAGE ARAB RELATIONS WITH SENEGAL.

ACCORDING TO MORTADA,LARGE LEBANESE COMMUNITY HERE AS WELL AS MOST ARAB DIPLOMATS HAD INDICATED TO KHALIKL THAT THERE SHOULD BE NO INCIDENTS HERE.

3. MORTADA SAID SENGHOR ASSURED HIM RECENTLY GOS WOULD NOT RENEW RELATIONSHIPS WITH ISRAEL UNTIL ISRAEL MOVED OUT OF OCCUPIED ARAB LANDS, BUT PRESIDENT DID NOT RULE OUT EVENTUAL RESUMPTION OF TIES. MORTADA FEARED SENGHOR SAW ROLE FOR ISRAEL IN HIS CONCEPT OF EURAFRICA WHICH NOW EXPANDED TO INCLUDE MIDDLE EAST.

4. COMMENT: WE HAVE NO NEW INFO SUGGESTING SENEGAL READY TO RENEW TIES WITH ISRAEL. ALTHOUGH SUCH A STEP EVENTUALLY WOULD BE IN LINE WITH SENGHOR'S CONCEPT OF DIALOGUE, HE WOULD PROBABLY NOT MAKE THE MOVE IN ABSENCE OF SOME SORT OF MODERATE AFRICAN CONSENSUS OR GUARANTEE OF ISRAELI SUPPORT FOR BLACK AFRICAN OBJECTIVES. MORTADA IS FRIENDLY, CLEVER, EXTREMELY ASTUTE DIPLOMAT, WHO PRIVATELY STRESSES BELIEF THAT EGYPT'S FUTURE BEST ASSURED BY TILT TOWARD WEST AND NON-ALIGNED WORLD. HE IS MAKING CONSCIENTIOUS EFFORT TO CULTIVATE RELATIONS WITH MEMBERS THIS EMBASSY. WE WOULD APPRECIATE COMMENTS ON HIM FROM EMBASSIES CAIRO AND ABU DHABI, HIS LAST POST.
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